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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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SUBJECT: ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY (JOHN FRASER) CALLED TO INFORM US OF CABLE FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN PEKING REPORTING DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ABOUT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT. FRASER ASKED IF WE HAD CHOSEN BETWEEN PARIS AND TOKYO SHOWS AND WAS INFORMED WE HAVE ASKED FOR PARIS BUT WITH ADDITIONS FROM TOKYO AND WITH NEW SELECTIONS FROM CHINA.

2. FRASER SAID HIS MINISTRY IS MEETING IN TORONTO TUESDAY SEPT 18 WITH REPS OF ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM TO DISCUSS CANADIAN CHOICE OF SHOWS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION HE SAID CANADIANS HAD NOT YET TOLD CHINESE OF THEIR CHOICE BECAUSE HE DID NOT BELIEVE CHINESE SO FAR HAD GIVEN THEM A CHOICE. HE ADDED HIS BELIEF THAT CHINESE HAD BEEN STALLING CANADIANS UNTIL THEY LEARNED WHAT THE US CHOICE WOULD BE. MINISTRY APPARENTLY BELIEVES CANADA WILL GET WHICHEVER SHOW US GETS BUT WILL GET IT FIRST.

3. CANADIANS AGREE PARIS SHOW IS MUCH THE BEST. TORONTO
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MUSEUM PROBABLY HAS BEST CLAIM FOR SHOW IF ONLY ONE CITY

GETS IT; IF ADDITIONAL CITIES CAN ALSO GET EXHIBIT, HE
THINKS VANCOUVER SHOULD BE SECOND, AND EITHER MONTREAL
OR OTTAWA NEXT. RUSH

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